

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES

JOB OPPORTUNITY
CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR

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Open To: The Public

Location: Connecticut Valley Hospital - Addiction Services Division – Merritt 2 D/E – Male Rehab Program
Middletown, CT

Job Posting No: CV-101192

Hours: Sunday through Thursday ~ 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. ~ 40 hours weekly

Salary: \$56,758 Annually

Closing Date: August 4, 2013

Duties may include but not limited to: Provides counseling services to alcohol and drug dependent clients; screens clients to determine eligibility for programs; assesses strengths, weaknesses and treatment needs; orients clients to treatment program; participates in treatment planning and individual and/or group counseling; responsible for case management activities; provides crisis intervention services in response to emotional and/or physical distress; makes referrals to outside or other programs for medical and/or psychological intervention; maintains confidential reports and records of client data; represents program at community events and seminars; educates clients on substance abuse issues and availability of resources; consults with service providers to assure comprehensive integrated care; may escort clients; may provide coverage duties; may collect urine for drug screening; performs related duties as required.

The Addiction Services Division utilizes methadone for the treatment of opiate dependence.

Eligibility Requirement: State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer.

General Experience: Certification from the Connecticut Department of Public Health as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor and three (3) years of experience involving risk reduction education and counseling to assist alcohol and drug dependent individuals.

Substitution Allowed: Licensure from the Connecticut Department of Public Health as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor may be substituted for the General Experience. For state employees three (3) years as a Certified Addiction Counselor Trainee may be substituted for the General Experience.

Special Requirement: Incumbents in this class must retain the certification and/or licensure outlined above. Individuals recovering from addiction to alcohol or drugs are required to have two (2) years of substance free time to be considered for a position in a substance abuse program. Incumbents in this class may be required to possess and retain a valid driver's license. Incumbents in this class may be required to travel.

Working Conditions: Incumbents in this class may be required to perform moderate amounts of lifting or restraining of patients and exposed to communicable and/or infectious diseases and risk of injury from assaultive and/or abusive patients.

Note: The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

To be considered for this position:

1. **DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates** (example: Mental Health Assistant 1 applying to a Mental Health Assistant 1 posting) must submit a completed DMHAS Lateral Transfer Form. Lateral Transfer Request Forms received without a position number will not be processed
2. **DMHAS employees who are promotional/demotional candidates** must submit the State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12).
3. **All other applicants** must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae can be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application.

Application Instructions: Interested and qualified candidates who meet the above requirements should submit a cover letter, a resume, and an Application for Employment to:

Doreen Clemson, Human Resources Associate
Connecticut Valley Hospital – Human Resources Division
PO BOX 351 – Silver Street – Page Hall - Middletown, CT 06457
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